



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I thank You for the victory You obtained by Your resurrection from the dead! No one else could have done what You did for us. You invaded hell; broke the power of its demonic forces; seized their artillery; and bound the devil. And because You did all this, You set us free! You are our great Victor, our great Champion, and You are the Lord of all lords. Thank You for cleansing me with Your blood and granting me the honor to be called a child of God and a joint heir with You. Lead us in the way to go, take care of everything and if there is anything we need to know tell us, but Lord please take care of it, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 20: 1-26 (AMP)

1 THEN GOD spoke all these words: 2 I am the Lord your God, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 You shall have no other gods before or besides Me. 4 You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, 6 But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. 7 You shall not use or repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. 8 [Earnestly] remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (withdrawn from common employment and dedicated to God). 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, your domestic animals, or the sojourner within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it [set it apart for His purposes]. 12 Regard (treat with honor, due obedience, and courtesy) your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land the Lord your God gives you. 13 You shall not commit murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not witness falsely against your neighbor. 17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house, your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's. 18 Now all the people perceived the thunderings and the lightnings and the noise of the trumpet and the smoking mountain, and as [they] looked they trembled with fear and fell back and stood afar off. 19 And they said to Moses, You speak to us and we will listen, but let not God speak to us, lest we die. 20 And Moses said to the people, Fear not; for God has come to prove you, so that the [reverential] fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin. 21 And the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. 22 And the Lord said to Moses, Thus shall you say to the Israelites, You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 You shall not make [gods to share] with Me [My glory and your worship]; gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not make for yourselves. 24 An altar of earth you shall make to Me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name and cause it to be remembered I will come to you and bless you. 25 And if you will make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone, for if you lift up a tool upon it you have polluted it. 26 Neither shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness be not exposed upon it.

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Exodus 20. The Ten Commandments

These Commandments were afterward engraved on both sides of two tablets of stone, "inscribed by the finger of God." "The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets" (31:18 ; 32:15–16). They were kept for centuries in the ark of the covenant (see Deportation of Judah by Babylon, 605 b.c.). It is thought that they may have been destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians (see The Most Holy Place).

The Ten Commandments were the basis of Hebrew law. Four of them have to do with our attitude toward God; six, with our attitude toward fellow human beings. Jesus condensed them into two: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37–39 ; see Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18).

Reverence for God is the basis of the Ten Commandments. Jesus indicated that He considered it the most basic and essential quality in man's approach to God and made it the first petition in the Lord's Prayer: "Hallowed be your name." It is surprising how many people, in their ordinary conversation, continually blaspheme the name of God and use it in such a light and trivial way. It is even more surprising how many preachers and Christians use God's name with a facile familiarity that lacks any reverence or awe, as if they were God's equals. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 147-148)

The Ten Commandments: V 2 "I am [Jehovah] they God." The word Jehovah is a verb, which means the Becoming One. God chose this word to express Himself because He would become for them whatever their need might be. V 3 That's not " before " in a sense of precedence. It doesn't mean that you can have all other kinds of gods as long as God is first in your life. You're not to have any other gods. He is to be the exclusive God of your life. V 4 man loses the consciousness of God's presence in his life when he makes an idol. Whenever I make an idol, a reminder, it is indicating that I need this little relic as a reminder of God because I've lost the consciousness of His presence. If I'm living in the consciousness of the presence of God, I don't need any relic to remind me of God. Idols are always an indication of a degraded spiritual state. V 5 God prohibits the making of any likenesses, because once you've made them, the next thing is so often the bowing down to them—which leads to serving them. So the progression. You make a god, they you worship your god, finally you're serving your god. " But no man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). V 7 It means more than just using the name of God in a profane way. If you take the name of Jehovah, it means that you have placed Him as the Lord, the guide, the director of your life. If you don't give Him the chance to guide and direct your life, you've taken His name in vain. Jesus said, " Why do you say ' Lord, Lord,' and you don't do the things that I command you ?" (Luke 6:46). God has ordained for the body's sake one day of rest for the purpose of recuperation. " Hallowed it" means honored it. VV 12-17 To covet is to desire earnestly. Paul the apostle said this is the law that wiped him out. He said, " I didn't know that coveting was sin except the law said, " Thou shalt not covet" (Romans 7:7). He had been righteous to the law, and he wrote to the Philippians concerning his past experience as a Pharisee and said, " And concerning the righteousness which is of the law, I was blameless" (Philippians 3:6). But then he saw that the law was spiritual. That was the whole basis of the teaching of Christ—that the law is spiritual. " Thou shalt not kill. " What does that mean? It means you're not to have hatred for anybody because hatred is the seedbed of murder. Thus you can violate that law and never club a fellow at all. But if you have a hatred for him, animosity against him, you've violated the law. The law was intended as a school master to drive us to Jesus Christ, to make us realize that we were spiritually bankrupt. V 20 That you might reverence God. A person who truly reverences God has no need to fear. God outlined what constitutes sin. The Law of God shows us how to have a right relationship with God and a right relationship with our fellow man. And if you don't have a right relationship with God, then you're not going to have a right relationship with your fellow man. VV 24-25 Notice the Lord dis-allows building ornate altars. God doesn't want anything to distract from Him, not even a glorious, fancy altar. He doesn't want man glorying in the works of his own hands. V 26 In other words, don't go up steps and stand high above where people can look up and see your bare legs. God wants attention drawn to Him when we are worshipping. He wants your heart and your mind to be centered upon Him, not to be distracted. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; pages 33-34)

Do you want to see the power of God released when you speak His name? Then it is important not to take His name lightly or frivolously. I had always thought that to "take the Lord's name in vain" meant to attach a curse word to His name. But it is so much more than that alone. To take the Lord's name in vain means to speak His name in such a way that our words are useless, fruitless, foolish, or irreverent. This sometimes happens when we casually use His name as a verbal exclamation. Let me explain.

The Holy Spirit convicted me early in my walk with the Lord that I had a habit that actually was causing me to break the third commandment (see Exodus 20:7), but I had been deceived and did not even realize I was doing it. I used to say things like "Oh, my God" when I saw something shocking or heard surprising news—even when I dropped something or when one of the children broke something. The Lord revealed to me that His name is more than just a phrase, and when I realized that, I was grieved in my heart and repented thoroughly.

The name of the Lord represents awesome power, and we need to reverently fear it (see Malachi 1:14). I believe the church has lost many things because it has lost reverence for God. It is vital that we return to a reverential fear and awe of God, His name, and His work. We need to have such respect for the Lord and all of His expressive names that we are afraid to speak any of those holy names without purpose. Ask God to reveal to you the power and weight of His name, and when you do use it, honor it and remember how awesome it is. The Everyday Life Bible.

It's Time for You To Stop Acting Like You're a Victim!**Colossians 2:15**

We can count on the fact that there are unseen evil forces that have been assigned to kill, steal, and destroy everything good in our lives. The Bible clearly teaches that these devilish forces band together to commit acts of aggression against the saints—and that includes you and me! This truth is quite evident in Scripture, for Paul wrote many verses about spiritual weapons, spiritual armor, and how we are to resist these unseen, demonic forces. Yet it is very important that we approach this subject with the right attitude! Because of Jesus' death on the Cross and His resurrection from the dead, the forces of hell are already defeated. However, even though they have been legally stripped of their authority and power, they continue to roam around this earth, carrying out evil deeds like criminals, bandits, hooligans, and thugs. And just like criminals who refuse to submit to the law, these evil spirits will continue to operate in this world until some believer uses his God-given authority to enforce their defeat! We need to get ahold of this truth: These demonic forces are legally stripped of their authority and are defeated! We are not puny, struggling believers who are somehow trying to learn how to cope with the devil's attacks against us. We're not merely trying to learn how to scrape by or survive. Jesus' death and resurrection gave us the legal authority to keep Satan under our feet, so we must always make sure we approach spiritual warfare as victors and not victims. Let's look at Colossians 2:15 to gain a greater revelation of the victory Jesus has already accomplished for you and me through His death, burial, and resurrection. Paul tells us that Jesus "... made a shew of them openly...." The word "openly" is taken from the word *parresia*, a word that is used throughout the books of the New Testament to denote boldness or confidence. By using the word *parresia*, Paul declares that when Jesus was finishing His dealings with Satan, His victory over the devil was no "quiet affair." Quite the contrary! Jesus boldly, confidently, and loudly exposed and displayed this now-defunct foe to Heaven's hosts. Make no mistake! When Jesus "made a shew of them openly," it was quite a spectacular show! The verse continues, "... He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." The word "triumph" is taken from the Greek word *triambeuo*, which is a technical word used to describe a general or an emperor returning home from a grand victory in the enemy's territory. Specifically, the word "triumph" was used to describe the emperor's triumphal parade when he returned home. When a returning emperor or general came striding through the gates on his big, powerful, and beautiful horse, he was accompanied by his fellow victorious warriors, who also appeared glorious after their triumphant battle. As the parade followed, the weaponry and treasures seized from the enemy's territory were grandly displayed for all to see. The grand finale to this triumphal procession was the foreign ruler himself. This ruler had been beaten and bound in chains and was now being forced to walk in disgrace, shame, dishonor, embarrassment, and humiliation as crowds of people came to celebrate his defeat and to get a "peek" at a once-powerful but now totally defeated opponent. So when Colossians 2:15 declares that Jesus triumphed over evil powers, it is explicitly declaring that Jesus took the enemy apart piece by piece as He thoroughly "spoiled principalities and powers." When Jesus was finished with those demonic forces, they were utterly plundered—"stripped to bare nakedness" and left with nothing in hand to retaliate! Because of the words *parresia* and *triambeuo*, Colossians 2:15 conveys this idea:

"... He gallantly strode into Heaven to celebrate His victory and the defeat of Satan and his forces. As part of His triumphal process, He flaunted the spoils seized from the hand of the enemy. Yet the greatest spectacle of all occurred when the enemy himself was openly put on display as bound, disgraced, disabled, defeated, humiliated, and stripped bare...."

Jesus' victory over Satan was a momentous affair! When Jesus returned, He was totally triumphant! The party Heaven threw that day was enormous! All of Heaven's hosts came to celebrate Jesus' victory and Satan's downfall and demise! Right there in front of everyone, Jesus displayed the devil and his cohorts, so all could know that this enemy no longer had the legitimate right or the necessary arms to prolong his rule of terrorism. Once again, Satan is not a force we are trying to defeat; he is already defeated. But because very few believers know how to effectively use their God-given authority to resist Satan, he tries to continue illegally operating and doing damage to the souls of men and even to the creation itself. No matter what demonic strategy may come against you this day or how many demons are assembled together for your destruction, you never have to go down defeated. Jesus plundered the enemy when He rose from the dead. So when you look into the mirror, you need to learn to see yourself as one who already has the victory. You already possess the authority necessary to keep Satan under your feet where he belongs. Remember, you

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Do you approach life like you are a victorious champion, or a struggling victim?

Do you quickly give in to defeat, or do you dig in your heels and refuse to go down defeated?

What changes could you make in your thoughts, words, and attitudes to help you maintain a more victorious approach to life?

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pgs 117-119) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Devotionals; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)